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Why Some People Are Lost

By the late William Edward Biederwolf

"And he said, Tomorrow."—Exod. 8:10.

Two hundred years before these words were spoken, Jacob went with his family down into Egypt to escape the famine up in Palestine. During this time they had become a great race of people, but they were slaves toiling under the burning rays of Egypt's sun; and God sent Moses down to Pharaoh, to say to him that Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews wanted him to let the people of Israel go.

Pharaoh asked, "Who is this Jehovah? Who is this God of the Hebrews, that I should obey His voice and release my slaves? I know Ra, the hawk-headed god; I know Osiris, the frog-faced god; I know Isis and I know Apis, the sacred bull; but who is this Jehovah that I should hearken unto Him? These people are my slaves and I will not let them go."

God said to Moses, "Stretch out your rod over the river and over the ponds." Moses stretched out his rod as God commanded, and frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.

Now a frog is not such a bad sort of thing in its own way, but when it gets in your way, it is (altogether) another matter. If the frog were content to croak away in the frog pond, it might be endured, but when it comes uninvited into your home, gets onto your chair just as you are going to sit down, hops into bed with you, gets into the oven and is baked up in the bread, it becomes quite an unwelcome visitor. And so Pharaoh called for Moses and said, "Entreat the Lord to take these frogs, and I will let your people go." Moses inquired, "When? When shall I ask God for

this thing, and when will you do the thing God wants you to do?" And strange to say, Pharaoh said, "Tomorrow."

The marginal reading is, "against tomorrow," and we'd like to have enough confidence in Pharaoh's good sense to think that he meant "before tomorrow," and that he would have liked to get rid of those frogs as soon as possible; but the Hebrew language will allow only one meaning, and that is that Pharaoh said he would wait another day. Just why, we do not

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All About the BIBLE



Its Origin, Its Language, Its Translation, Its Canon, Its Symbols, Its Inspiration, Its Alleged Errors and Contradictions, Its Plan, Its Science, Its Rivals

Symbols for the Bible

By Sidney Collett

Let us now consider some of the symbols or figures under which the Bible is set forth, and we shall see here, as in every other branch of Bible study, marks of its divine authorship.

These symbols are most significant and full of teaching. May the Holy Spirit aid our consideration of them.

1. The Bible Is a Critic

The Greek of Heb. 4:12 reads, "The Word of God is . . . a critic of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

This is what God says of His Word. It is the only place in the Bible where the word "critic" occurs. How presumptuous, then, for men to dare to call themselves critics of the Bible, when the Book has been given to criticize them and us. Until we realize this we can never approach the Bible aright. Happy are they who, refusing to sit in judgment upon the Word of God, yield themselves up with humble spirits to its mysterious searching power!

As, however, it will be necessary for me, in some of the following pages, to refer to these critics and to test some of their criticisms, I should like to make it perfectly clear at once that biblical criticism is of two kinds—one which is lawful and of inestimable value, and the other which is unlawful and is fraught with the most soul-ruining and God-dishonoring consequences.

The first is that of the Hebrew or Greek scholar, who, with immense labor and patience, searches the ancient manuscripts in order to ascertain for us, as nearly as possible, what were the actual words used, in any particular passage, by the inspired writers.

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IS THIS THE END TIME?

By Evangelist T. W. Wilson,
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And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.—Gen. 6:1-11.

My message is centered around the theme, "Is This the End Time?" I call your special attention to verse 3 when God said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man."

I. The First Man—Adam

Now, in order to answer this question, "Is This The End Time?" we must first of all find out how man got here in the first place. The Bible says, "God created man in his own image" and "after his own likeness." He told Adam that He was placing him in the Garden of Eden. Everything in it was perfect; there were no thorns, no thistles, no briars, no imperfections whatsoever. God told the first man, Adam, that he could have possession of everything in the Garden of Eden but one tree—that was the tree of knowledge between good and evil. God told man not to touch that tree. However, Adam wasn't satisfied with giving God one tree. He wanted the whole garden.

So the Devil tempted Eve—Eve enticed Adam—and Adam with his eyes wide open, head set, deliberately transgressed the law of God. He knew that he was breaking God's command "not to touch it lest ye die." God said, "If you eat of the fruit of that tree, ye shall surely die." The Hebrew language, I understand, gives this meaning: "Dying thou shalt die."

In other words, God was saying, "You will die but you will never get dead." It has a perpetual meaning, an eternal meaning. It means "unending" or "unceasing." Of course, this was a spiritual death and not immediate physical death.

And so the first man, Adam, transgressed the law of God. When Adam sinned, he brought death into the whole world. Declension and not progress was stamped upon every generation. However, God was and is a merciful God. I say this reverently—the greatest problem that ever confronted the mind of any infinite God was how to redeem a race that headstrong, head-long, deliberately rebelled against Him and transgressed His law. Then, thanks be unto God, He promised a Redeemer in Genesis 3:15. Immediately Adam and Eve began to look for the one who was to redeem man ("the seed of woman"). So, when their first son, Cain, was born, Eve immediately said, "I've gotten a man from the Lord." This is literally what Cain's name meant. But you and I see from another part of the Word of God that he was actually "born out of the Evil-One."

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Dr. Wm. Edward Biederwolf

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The Most Important Editorial I Ever Wrote!

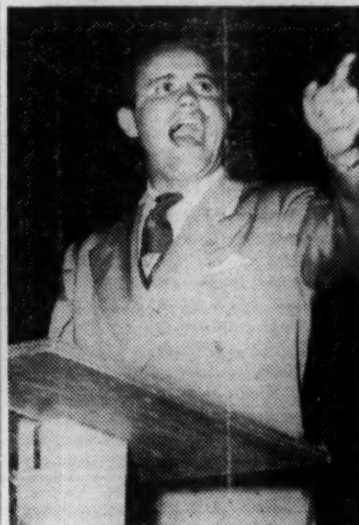
What We Must Do to Increase Sword Circulation to 200,000
Paid Subscribers by the 20th Anniversary,
September 28, 1954

By the Editor

As a result of much prayer and of earnest conviction, I have asked SWORD OF THE LORD readers to help us make THE SWORD OF THE LORD the most influential Christian magazine ever published. We have made enlargement plans, we are increasing our organization, planning a great new building, etc., all as part of the program to reach more people with THE SWORD OF THE LORD, establish more Christians in the faith, keep more people from being misled by modernism and false cults, stir more revival fires, and win more souls than any other Christian magazine has ever done in the history of the world. I know that that aim is startling. I know that we do not have the wisdom, the spiritual power, the organization, the human influence to reach that aim. Yet I know that God wants somebody to do it. He seems to have called me and my associates connected with THE SWORD OF THE LORD for this task, and, with fear and trembling, we are dedicating ourselves to the job.

The first large step in the great circulation which we believe THE SWORD OF THE LORD ought to have, is the plan to boost

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Evangelist T. W. Wilson

Read The Bible Through

"The entrance of thy word giveth Light"

Psalms 119:130

I SUPPOSED I knew my Bible,
Reading piece-meal, hit or miss;
Now a bit of "John" or "Matthew,"
Now a snatch of "Genesis."
Certain chapters of "Isaiah,"
Certain "Psalms"—the twenty-third,
Twelfth of "Romans," first of "Proverbs."
Yes, I thought I knew the Word.
But I found a thorough reading
Was a different thing to do,
And the way was unfamiliar
When I read the Bible through.
Ye who treat the Crown of Writings
As you treat no other book—
Just a paragraph disjointed,
Just a crude, impatient look—
Try a worthier procedure,
Try a broad and steady view;
You will kneel in very rapture
When you read the Bible THROUGH.

—Amos R. Wells

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"... the word of the Lord. ... Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."—Zech. 4:6

By Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall
Minister of Revival Promotion,
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I.

Attractive and Handy Envelopes

Hundreds of people are already enjoying using our lovely calendar stand-up vari-colored pack of monthly Building Fund envelopes. They just look good on a desk or table. Then, they are useful as a calendar. Finally, they help you support the work of the Lord by being handy as a channel for your monthly offering to our Building Fund.

We now present a picture of the pack of envelopes to which we refer:



Sit down now! Write for a pack for yourself! Get others to use a pack each! Get members of a Bible study group to each take and use a pack.

"Dear Dr. Rice:

Please send me a pack of Building Fund envelopes which I am glad to use.

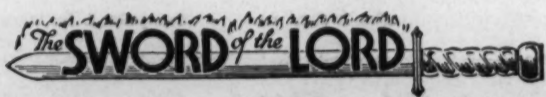
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II.

The Sword of the Lord Conference on revival and soul winning at Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia, was largely attended and highly spiritual. It was power packed with great speakers like Dr. John R. Rice, Evangelist Bill Rice, Dr. Jesse Hendley, Dr. Lee Roberson, and Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. What an array of speakers! I had the privilege of witnessing in three messages. Hearts were blessed and pastors helped. Doxology!

From there I went for a series of services at Mt. Zion, near Columbus, Mississippi. The pastor, Rev. Detroy Bobitt, is an unusual leader with a fine family. He has some strong leadership in the church. Men came confessing sin to follow the Lord. Wednesday night ninety-five per cent of the congregation that packed the house moved as one man in responding to varied angles of the invitation. Doxology!

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THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

The editor will be at Central Manor Camp, Mountville, near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, August 22 through August 30. We hope all friends of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and of this editor who can do so will attend that great Bible Conference and Camp meeting.

However, please address all mail to the editor at Wheaton, Illinois.

The Korean War Truce

We rejoice that there is a truce, a temporary cessation of hostilities, in the Korean War. There is hope of peace, though we do not know how it will turn out.

We do know this: America did not win the war. We spent more than three years, we lost thousands of men, and billions of dollars. At less cost we could have won the war under General MacArthur instead of trying to please and pacify communists abroad and socialists at home and in England. That is not the way to deal with sin. Appeasement never pays and it has not paid us. We have lost the confidence of millions abroad. Now we hope that President Eisenhower and Congress will steadfastly support the commitment we have made to President Syngman Rhee of South Korea. That good man has stubbornly stood for the right and for the protection of his poor country where so many have died. If we pacify socialists, communists, and New Dealers now by selling out these poor people to Red China, God will hold us accountable. Let us pray that God will give wisdom to our government.

Consecrated Christian Office Workers Wanted

The Sword of the Lord has need for several full-time office workers who will dedicate their lives to full-time Christian service like a foreign missionary. Good Christian environment, participation in a great soul-winning work, a permanent job. We need one or two secretaries, a typist, a file clerk, etc. We are not interested in part-time workers or temporary workers. Unless you want to be in full-time Christian work in the strictest sense, with the sacrifice and devotion that entails, please do not apply. Application blanks on request. Write Miss Fairy Shapard, Personnel Officer, Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Illinois.

Asking Too Much, Unless It Is "In Jesus' Name"

In this issue the editor most earnestly urges that 2,690 people definitely accept a quota of from 25 to 1,000 paid yearly subscriptions which they will raise or give in the next thirteen months, before the twentieth anniversary of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, September 28, 1954. For you to secure 100 subscriptions, but not if you do it in Jesus' name, for you to give sample copies to neighbors and friends, tell them about the paper, make announcement about it in church services, and otherwise enlist people to subscribe for themselves, may seem to be too much, but it will not be too much if you do it in Jesus' name!

The real secret in this matter is finding Christians who will consecrate themselves to the task for Jesus' sake and thus help to spread revival fires and win souls. Are you willing to do that for Jesus' sake? Will you sign up, accepting a quota of subscriptions, and begin your work as our partner for the next thirteen months?

We Pay 4% On Loans

Yes, through the years it has been necessary for The Sword of the Lord to borrow capital to carry on our heavy work. We can still use some loans. We pay 4% interest, payable semi-annually, on long-term loans. No one has ever lost a dollar and some find it a great comfort to invest money where it will do good in the Lord's cause besides bringing good interest in a reliable, soul-winning, non-profit organization incorporated as is The Sword of the Lord. The interest on your money begins on the day we receive it,

Why We Applauded

In THE SWORD OF THE LORD for June 26, 1953, we commended Clarkston First Baptist Church, Clarkston, Washington, which, on the ground of modernism in the leadership of the American Baptist Convention, withdrew.

We have had letters from a number of brethren on this matter. And we publish a sample, here with the editor's answer.

A Minister, Sixty Years With Northern Baptists Defends A. B. C.

Rev. Louis T. Foreman of Maywood, Illinois, whom we take to be an earnest brother in Christ, has written as follows:

"Dear Editor:

"I have read of your high commendation in THE SWORD OF THE LORD of one church in Washington that withdrew from its denominational affiliation. Such action is a natural right if it finds itself not in accord with its sister churches.

"I am surprised, however, at your unfair inferences in that article to a serious doctrinal breakdown of the whole American Baptist Convention and the supposed withdrawal of a heavy proportion of the churches. Your conclusion is not justified.

"The writer has been in close contact with the denomination for sixty years and knows of no such disaster to our churches as you would lead the public to believe. Adjustments are natural from time to time as controversies arise; history is full of such.

"The splendid American Baptist Convention has just closed in Denver showing spiritual and material progress in every respect. Thousands of delegates and visitors were present, as you doubtless are aware. It was voted to raise eight million dollars to church expansion and 87 trained, consecrated men and women were set apart for missionary service. Evangelist Billy Graham closed in a final appeal for conversion. You did not mention any of this.

The Editor Tells Why He Applauded the Withdrawal of the Clarkston, Washington, Baptist Church.

July 18, 1953

Rev. Louis T. Foreman
Maywood, Illinois

Dear Brother Foreman:

Thank you for your kindly letter. I am glad to have your viewpoint but I feel sure that with further consideration of the facts you will see that my inference in THE SWORD OF THE LORD was justified.

First of all, if you will study the records you will see that the American Baptist Convention has lost nearly half of the total number of churches that were affiliated with it some twenty or twenty-five years ago. The records speak for themselves.

Second, for you to say that the withdrawal of all the hundreds of Baptist churches that formed the General Association of Regular Baptists all those that formed the Conservative Baptist group, all of them making an issue of modernism in the American Baptist group, had no meaning, seems to me very unreasonable. For example, I knew intimately and well Dr. W. B. Riley and I knew the fight he made through long years, even while staying in the Convention, which he finally left. I know well officials of the other groups which have gone out from the American Baptist Convention. I know the issues in the Oregon Baptist Convention. I know how and why the Minnesota Baptist

and immediately the long-term note is filled out, signed by the president and secretary of the SWORD OF THE LORD FOUNDATION, embossed with the official seal of the corporation, and returned to you. We will be glad to hear of those who wish to cooperate in this way, using the money for the Lord's work while they get a good income from it. Please write Dr. John R. Rice, Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Illinois.

Convention officially withdrew from its close affiliation with the American Baptist Convention. To say that there is no serious defection, no serious withdrawal from the American Baptist Convention and on the question of the modernism of its leadership is simply ignoring the facts.

Third, I know that the issue of modernism has come up in the American Baptist Convention meetings year after year. You and I both know that the Convention steadfastly follows the counsel of modernists in maintaining the so-called "inclusive policy," agreeing to send out modernists as well as fundamentalists to the mission field, refusing to adopt a plain statement of faith for the fundamentals. To say that the active and prevailing leadership in the American Baptist Convention is not largely controlled by modernists is simply to ignore the facts.

Surely you know that Harry Emerson Fosdick and the Riverside Baptist Church, New York, was received into the Convention without requiring conversion, without requiring baptism. Surely you know that Missionary Dryden Phelps was kept on the mission field for twenty years after he had in print denied the virgin birth of Christ and other fundamentals and was retired only after he had definitely taken the stand for communism and for Russia against America. And I assure you that I know on the testimony of many unimpeachable witnesses of the modernism, the open infidelity taught in Rochester-Colgate Seminary and in several other prominent Northern Baptist schools. I have evidence beyond any doubt that the tendency in Northern Baptist circles is to ordain to the ministry men who deny the virgin birth and the verbal inspiration of the Bible and the actual deity of Christ and His blood atonement.

Of course I know that many Northern Baptist preachers believe the Bible, though they often support the convention to keep a church and keep their standing or to keep fellowship, though it means compromise with truth.

Fourth, you say that at the last meeting of the American Baptist Convention, "Evangelist Billy Graham closed in a final appeal for conversion," as if that indicated the soundness of the Convention.

A number of Christians in the American Baptist Convention have written me citing Billy Graham's message as evidence that Christians should stay in the modernistic American Baptist Convention. I think they are wrong and I think that Billy Graham, while obviously sincere, did a great disservice to the cause of Christ and so encouraged lots of good people to do wrong by staying in the American Baptist Convention and supporting modernism. But if the best men in the world were to affiliate with the American Baptist Convention, every Christian who loves and follows the Bible still ought to obey the plain command, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers," and ought to come out of it and stop supporting its modernism.

There is much reason for fellowship with good Christians true to Christ. But there is no reason in the world to call an infidel "brother" and we are positively forbidden to have any fellowship with one who brings another Gospel, one who "abideth not in the doctrine of Christ" (II John 9-11). Those who do not abide in the doctrine of Christ concerning His virgin birth, His bodily resurrection, His deity, His blood atonement, are not Christians, though they may be Baptists. They do not deserve the fellowship of any born-again believer any more than infidels outside the church.

In the Saviour's name, yours,
John R. Rice

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Oxnam Found Member of Additional Subversive Organizations

On July 21, "Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam spent 10 hours defending a 20 year record of connections with communist movements in a session which ended after midnight today," said the *Chicago Daily Tribune* of the next day. Again the *Tribune* says, "After 25 documentary exhibits dealing with the bishop's communist front connections had been placed in the record, and he had furnished copious explanations, the witness was questioned about his close associations with two ministers, Dr. Harry F. Ward and the Rev. Jack R. McMichaels.

"Recent testimony taken in closed committee sessions was disclosed. Both Ward and McMichaels were identified by former communist party members as veteran Red leaders, seeking to bend the church to communist aims."

Bishop Oxnam was vice-president of the Methodist Federation for Social Action from 1944 to 1947 at the time when the Rev. Jack McMichaels was executive secretary.

Bishop Oxnam had accused the committee of persecuting him. But they brought in additional records, proving that he had been member of a number of additional communist front organizations, besides the seven he had already admitted having been connected with in the past.

The committee did not accuse Dr. Oxnam of being a member of the communist party. It had accused him of working with communist fronts, and proved that abundantly with even more cases than he had been charged with heretofore.

THE SWORD OF THE LORD feels that a modernist, socialist Methodist bishop should be investigated just the same as any other man active in organizations that are against the United States government and the American way of life.

Why Was Bishop Oxnam on "Sucker List" of Communists?

The hearing before the Un-American Activities Committee of Congress, which Bishop Oxnam requested, did not prove that Bishop Oxnam was a member of the communist party. That had never been charged. But Representative Jackson of California said, "The record must speak for itself. During the course of the hearing, some forty exhibits were placed in the record, all of which related directly or indirectly to the bishop's alleged affiliations, sponsorships or memberships in organizations or activities in or behalf of communist and the left wing groups."

The *Chicago Tribune* for July 23 reports further:

"A review of the voluminous testimony showed that Oxnam had been over a 20-year period listed in the publications of 15 organizations officially labeled as Communist party fronts. He conceded connections with nine of these groups, averring that he severed his relationships when he realized their nature. He denied membership or said he had no recollection of connections with six of these organizations. He said he was unable to explain why Communists

used his name without his authority."

One of the congressmen suggested that Bishop Oxnam was probably on a communist "sucker list." The bishop agreed, but said he did not know why.

But the thoughtful person surely must know why.

Communists certainly know that Bishop Oxnam as a young preacher was involved in a maritime strike sponsored by the I.W.W. (Industrial Workers of the World) in California, that he was a "radical" candidate for the Los Angeles school board. They know of his close association with two Methodist communists, Dr. Harry F. Ward and the Rev. Jack McMichaels, leaders of the Methodist Federation for Social Action. They know that Dr. Oxnam sent to thousands of Methodist ministers in May, 1947, copies of the book, *Behind Soviet Power*, by Jerome Davis, a communist. The book was pro-Russian and pro-communist, but was sent to Methodist ministers with Methodist church funds by Bishop Oxnam.

Communists know that Bishop Oxnam spoke at meetings for, was sponsored for and was member of a number of subversive organizations. Bishop Oxnam now admits to association with nine of these subversive organizations, but says he resigned when he found that they were run by communists.

A communist might well have read Bishop Oxnam's book, *Preaching in a Revolutionary Age*, published by the Methodist publishing house, Abingdon-Cokesbury, where on page 79 he joins Hugh Walpole in saying that the Old Testament teaches "of a terrible God who sent plagues upon the people" and calls that God "a dirty bully." Since that is just the way communists feel about the God of the Bible, they would naturally expect cooperation from Bishop Oxnam. They would find in the same book, pages 32 and 33, Oxnam identifies American capitalism with fascism, as the communists do. In that same book, pages 57 and 58, the communists would read that "the communist gives himself to a cause greater than himself," an economic revolution, in contrast, Bishop Oxnam says, to Christians and capitalists. He says the communists wish to march on to Canaan while "Christians who sing praises to martyrs and capitalists who extol risk" are left like Abraham's father, Terah, in the land of Haran.

Or if communists should read the book, *Preaching and the Social Crisis*, edited by Bishop Oxnam, they would find the Methodist bishop presenting Kirby Page, saying, "Socialism is much closer akin to the Christian Gospel than capitalism," that the Christian church must disentangle itself from the meshes of capitalism, etc. There you will find Bishop Oxnam presenting the two communists, Jerome Davis and Harry Ward, along with the radical modernist, Bishop McConnell and other kindred spirits. I can understand why communists put Bishop Oxnam on their "sucker list," and I think with a little consideration he could understand it, too.

FACTS BACK UP CHURCH CHARGE, POLING ASSERTS Protestant Praises Red Probe Results

(Under the above heading, the *Chicago Daily Tribune* for July 30 has the following article written by Willard Edwards concerning the prob of Bishop Oxnam's connection with subversive and Red front organizations. Dr. Poling himself grew up in a Methodist parsonage, is one of the most trusted leaders and his words carry great weight. Now read the *Tribune* article).

Washington, July 29—The Rev. Daniel A. Poling, editor of the *Christian Herald* magazine, a leading Protestant publication, asserted today that Dr. J. B. Matthews will be able to support with facts his charge that 7,000 Protestant clergymen supported communist causes over a 17 year period.

Poling's statement was placed in the Congressional Record by Rep. Clardy [R., Mich.], who noted that the clergyman also asserted that "the country is greatly in debt" to congressional committees investigating communism and subversion.

"I concur in every word written by the Rev. Mr. Poling," said Clardy, a member of the house committee on un-American activities which recently questioned Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.

Should Be Welcomed

"Sound thinking churchmen are rallying to a realization that investigation of individual Communists in the church should be welcomed by true ministers of God who are unalterably opposed to atheistic communism."

Matthews, a former Protestant missionary, who became a noted authority on communism, was recently forced to resign as staff director of the senate permanent investigating subcommittee headed by Sen. McCarthy [R., Wis.] after a furore had been raised over a magazine article he wrote about Communists in the clergy. His request for a hearing before the house committee, in order to document his charges, was granted but deferred until next fall.

In his statement concerning the Matthews' charges, Poling related his own experiences as a member of a "Friends of Russia" committee in Philadelphia.

"To the best of my knowledge," he remarked, "this is the only communist 'apparatus' I ever joined and I did so upon invitation of several of Philadelphia's most distinguished citizens... The year was 1943. Needless to say, I got off that committee as quickly as I knew its origin. We had all joined when Russia was our great ally.

Believes Proof Likely

"But the embarrassment remains that when J. B. Matthews stated specifically that the Communist party has enlisted the support of at least 7,000 Protestant clergymen over a 17 year period, he made a statement that I believe he will be able to support with facts.

"When I read the first bitter replies made by distinguished New York clergymen to the Matthews statement, I knew that my brother preachers had not read the statement itself, that they had read only the press releases.

"Distinguished labor leaders have risked both their official positions and their physical lives to purge their organizations of Communists. While no Protestant churchman has the authority and power of a Walter Reuther, every churchman may at least purge himself, and we should without further delay move to do this.

"Preachers and educators, as individual citizens, should support and welcome investigation. They



PREACHING, SONGLEADING CHAMPS — Dr. Robert A. Cook, center, president of Youth for Christ International, is flanked by the four young men who won first and second places in the teen-age preacher and songleader contest at the movement's 9th convention in mid-July in Winona Lake, Indiana. Left to right are Jim Beaty, Columbia, S. C., second in preaching, George Clunis, Detroit, Mich., first in preaching, Cook, Bill Nothelfer, Turlock, Calif., first in songleading, and Irwin Boring, Portland, Ore., second in songleading.

Preaching, Power and Promotion

(Continued from page 2)

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Stone of Temple helped with the music in a very fine way—a splendid couple.

III.

Mid-America Big Event

Plans have fast developed for the Mid-America Big Event—the Master Sword of the Lord Rally, observing the 19th anniversary of this Foundation, September 28. Where? At Moody Church—Chicago! Hours? 2:30 p.m. afternoon session! 6:30 p.m. banquet! 7:30 p.m. evening session! Speakers? Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., and Dr. John R. Rice! Singing? Yes! Music? Yes! Fellowship? Yes! Free books? Yes! Invited? All pastors, evangelists, teachers, choir members, laymen, ministers, young people; all Christians, and every lost person who can walk, run, ride or fly there!

What? Gospel - revival - Bible - good time - information - inspiration - missions - Christian living, etc.

Come! Get others to come! Date again - put it down, September 28 (Monday), 2:30 - 9:30 p. m. Come for one session if you cannot stay for the whole. Three sessions better than one.

IV.

Better Buy Now

About one half of the few thousand copies printed of my book, *The Language of Heaven*, have gone out these few months since coming off the press. I am grateful for this reception of the Gospel messages in it.

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V.

With some missionary friends I took to a fast train at Shanghai, China. En route to our first destination, we used also a ferry across the great Yangtze River, a bus to the Grand Canal, a ferry across it, and a jinrikisha through the narrow and winding streets of old Yangchow. Here I visited church, school, and hospital property. Then I attended a morning service, giving testimony.

At the noon hour standing in the aisle of the church, Missionary D. F. Stamps speaking feelingly said, "You know, there is only one issue in China." I asked, "what is that issue, Dr. Stamps?" He re-

are first class citizens, too. These congressional committees have not always been wise and they have made mistakes. But one mistake they have not made—the mistake of inaction. And, willing or 'unwilling,' they have not been the 'dupes' of the Communist party. This country is greatly in their debt.

"Guilt by association may be un-American, but in a copybook of my boyhood I read: 'A man is known by the company he keeps.'"

plied, "The Bible as the Word of God."

To which I reply, "That is the only issue in America, and around the world—the Bible as the Word of God!"

Let people everywhere accept, believe the Bible as the Word of God, and thoroughly commit themselves to it, problems will be solved, questions will be answered, battlements of sin will be dismantled, Satan will be routed, and the Lord Jesus will reign in deed and in truth.

Early disciples of Jesus took the Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit and set out to win men to Him! Some results: 3000, Acts 2; 5,000, Acts 4:4; multitude, Acts 4:32; multitudes both of men and women, Acts 5:14; the number of the disciples multiplied, Acts 6:1 and 7.

When we "water down" the Word of God, we may expect "watered down" results!

When we take the Word of God at its full strength, we may expect full fruits! Doxology! Matthew 13:23!

A Distinguished General

At a public banquet it was noticed that a distinguished general turned down all the wine glasses grouped about his plate. A lady sitting beside him asked, "Do you ever drink wine, general?" "No, madam, never," was the courteous reply. "I don't wish to be impertinent," said the lady, "but I'd like to know why a person of your age and character shouldn't enjoy the pleasure of an occasional glass of wine." "Perhaps an occasional glass wouldn't hurt me," said the general, smiling. "But that young fellow over there"—he indicated a handsome youth at another table—"is my son. If I don't drink, he won't. If I do, the chances are he'll follow my example. I turn down the wine glasses—and you see he has done the same.

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By Uncle Walt

John the Baptist

Last week we saw the thrilling way in which God answered the prayers of Elisabeth and Zacharias. After their boy, John, was born and dedicated to the Lord, we hear nothing about him until almost 30 years later.

Don't you imagine that John grew up just about as you and I do? He probably had some little toys that his daddy and mother made for him. I am sure that as he grew up his folks told him all of the thrilling Bible stories about Noah and the Ark, Samson and Daniel. He was scared just like you were, the first time your mother told you about David and the giant, Goliath. But, of course, John didn't have the Bible stories about Jesus, or Peter, or Paul for they were just little boys about that time, too.

But I imagine one day Elisabeth and Zacharias sent John's playmates home and asked John to come and talk with them. Then they told him all about how the angel in the temple had told his father he would be born and how that God had a special job for John to do. And ever since John's birth the Holy Spirit was on him. His mother told him that way up north in Nazareth he had a cousin named Jesus about his same age. Maybe they got out a copy of their Bible which was just the Old Testament and came rolled up on sticks instead of in pages. When Zacharias found Isaiah 40: 3-5 he read to John, "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it." Then he said, "John, you are going to be the one to prepare the way for the Saviour. You will have to be especially careful about what you do and say, for God has a great job for you. When the other children do things that are naughty, you can't do them, for you belong to God."

Many, many times John thought about what his father and mother had said. He knew that he had to be different from the other boys and girls for he belonged to the Lord. When the others began to talk bad he would leave and go play with someone else. I imagine when a boy called him a "sissy" one day because he wouldn't steal grapes with them, John just went home. But he went to bed happy that night, for he had not sinned against the Lord by stealing grapes.

When John grew up, he went out to the wilderness and lived alone with no one but God to talk to. There God prepared him for the job of telling people that the Saviour was coming. John ate wild honey and locusts in this desert place. Locusts were something like large grasshoppers but even they tasted all right when he didn't have anything else to eat for meat. John wore a sort of robe, or coat, made of rough camel's hair woven into cloth, and a leather belt. He had a pair of sandals, no doubt, to keep the sharp stones from cutting his feet.

When God was finished preparing John to preach and tell about the Saviour, God said, "John, I want you to go out now and begin to tell folks what I have told you. I will go with you and help you as you preach."

So John began to preach whenever anyone came through the wilderness. Soon many people came out on purpose just to hear John preach. Even the Pharisees who were the Jewish leaders came to hear John. And to all who came

John had the same message, "You must repent and quit sinning against God. Then you must be baptized to show the folks you are going to be for the Lord in your heart from now on."

One day he told the Pharisees, "You men are just like trees that are rotten inside. You have wicked hearts and you must ask God to forgive you and give you clean hearts."

Another day some tax collectors who were cheating the people came to hear John. As John preached God showed them that they must quit cheating the people. Do you suppose that one of the boys who called John a sissy for not stealing grapes was one of these wicked tax collectors? Well, it might be true, for when a boy learns to steal and lie he often does worse things when he grows up.

One day when John was preaching and baptizing in the Jordan River, a great crowd had gathered. Who do you suppose was in this crowd? It was John's second cousin, Jesus. As John preached he told the people that a man was in the crowd who was so important that John didn't even deserve to untie his sandals for Him. He meant Jesus, of course. He said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

Then Jesus slipped out of the crowd and asked John to baptize Him. But John said, "No, I couldn't baptize You, Jesus. I'm not good enough to baptize You." But Jesus commanded John to baptize Him.

As Jesus came up from the water, the Holy Spirit in form like a dove flew down and rested on Him. Then God spoke from Heaven and said, "Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased."

Everybody thought this was very strange and wondered exactly who Jesus really was. But John knew that Jesus was the Saviour and was happy to be able to tell the people about Him.

Soon after this John was put in prison by Herod and later had his head cut off because he got after Herod for stealing his brother's wife. But John had by that time already introduced Jesus so John's job was done. And Jesus said that there was no one born of a woman greater than John.

I hope you like this story of John the Baptist. Did you know that God has a job for you to do when you grow up? Maybe it is to be a preacher, or a missionary, or maybe a Sunday School teacher. But you will have to trust Christ as your Saviour and live a clean, good life if you want to be ready to serve the Lord when you grow up. Wouldn't you like to bow your head right now and ask God to help you to settle these matters now and set out to serve Him? God wants to help you live for Him every day.

Next week we'll talk about how Jesus was born, or the first Christmas. I hope you'll remember and not miss this beautiful story.

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Where Does N.T. Say Tithes Should Be Brought to Church House?

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Rev. Lester C. Rich
Taylors, South Carolina
Dear Brother Rich:

I am glad you wrote me frankly. I am always glad to have an honest comment by any honest man of God.

However, while I agree with you in the very great importance of the local church, and I always back up sound, Bible-believing soul-winning churches and pastors, yet you make several statements which are not based upon the Scriptures, it seems to me.

For example, you say, "We speak of the church as being God's house. In this same verse (Malachi 3:10) God says, '...that there may be meat in mine house.'"

But, the simple truth is that not a single church building was erected in New Testament times as far as we know. They may have had such buildings, but they are not mentioned. Certainly in most cases churches met in the court of the temple, in synagogues, and then in private homes, or in the open air. So you see, perhaps, unconsciously you have adopted a sanctity for the church house which the Bible never even mentions. That idea is a Catholic idea. The Catholics themselves think that the human organization is the body and bride of Christ. You and I know that every born-again saved person is a part of the body and bride of Christ. I am sure that this departure from sound Bible doctrine was unconscious and unintentional on your part. The Bible never mentions a local church building as "God's House." The Christian's body is now God's Temple. A church house is not!

Again, it seems to me you are unfair and inaccurate when you say, "I am unable to see how you can pen-knife a verse of Scripture as you have Malachi 3:10. It seems to me that if we accept the Bible way of financing God's work, we would have to accept the place where God says to give it." You are unfair in intimating

that I cut out any part of the Bible, that I do not like any part of the Bible. And you know me well enough to know that that is hardly fair or accurate. Again, your language indicates that you really believe all tithes ought to go to Jerusalem to the temple as Malachi 3:10 certainly means. Yet I know that you don't believe anything of the kind. So it is really not good nor fair Bible interpretation to make the temple at Jerusalem mean a local church building. That would fit if you make the Roman Catholic church the true bride of Christ and make the Vatican of St. Peter's at Rome the center where all tithes must be sent. But it certainly does not fit about independent, local Baptist churches.

The Bible is good enough for us, isn't it? And isn't the New Testament the rule of faith for Baptists? If we believe in a New Testament church, we ought to take the New Testament plan for giving. And the plain Bible teaching of I Corinthians 16:1 and 2 is, "On the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." Each Christian is to lay by himself somewhere, in some convenient place, in store, the gift for God. That does not even intimate that money must be given through the church treasury. That comes from a false interpretation about the church, a Catholic idea about the church which is not taught in the Bible, in my humble judgment.

Now I agree that you have a right to your opinion. And I would not fall out with you for differing with me on some of the details. But when you make it a matter of attacking my integrity, accusing me of pen-knifing the Word of God, then that is, I think, hasty language which you really do not mean and which, in your heart, you know is not true.

In the next place, I am really sad to find that you put more emphasis on getting all the money into your local church treasury

from which you get your salary, than you do on all the great doctrines so clearly taught in the Word of God and which THE SWORD OF THE LORD pushes all the time. I should think that any honest, Bible-believing preacher, with a great love for Christ, would be so pleased with THE SWORD OF THE LORD's fight against sin, its fight against modernism, its insistence on soul winning, that you could put up with a minor matter with which you do not agree. But no, this minor matter, on which you have no clear Scripture but where you get your salary seems more important to you than all the great doctrines of the Bible and the whole Great Commission program of soul winning! What a strange thing.

I really think you had not thought this through. Therefore I will, for the present, leave your subscription on and trust that prayerfully you will find a better balance in your opinion and that you will not break fellowship with a brother on a minor matter, and ignore the great truths of the Bible on which we agree.

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WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

Greatly-used evangelist, **EDDIE MARTIN** recently held a revival at Nacogdoches, Texas. The evangelist reports that the 3,000 seat tent was eighty per cent full during the week nights, with crowds of 4,000 after the first Sunday night. Over two hundred solid first-time salvation decisions were recorded, and other decisions were made. All the churches there have had substantial additions, and a real spirit of revival exists, the evangelist writes.

Following this campaign, the Martin evangelistic party went to Greenville, Mississippi, for a united tent campaign, which is now underway. We hope to have complete report later.

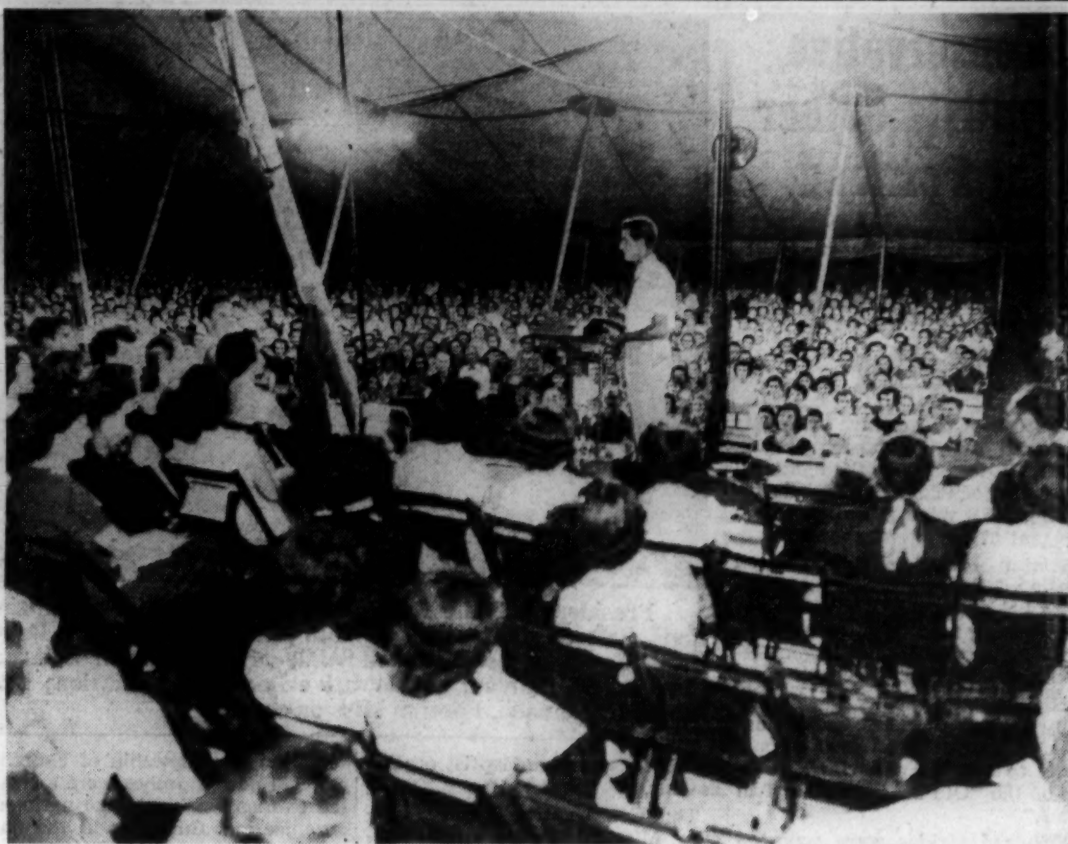
In May, the party led Marshall, Texas, in a united Baptist effort, eight churches participating in the campaign. Martin's tent was erected at the Fair Grounds. The evangelist reported 160 first-time decisions there in four weeks. "Fully 300 youth made a first-time life commitment in the campaign, with hundreds of Christians pledging on cards to begin to live a life of full surrender," he writes.

Sword of the Lord **EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS** has just conducted two revival campaigns in Canada. In the People's Church of Victoria, New Brunswick, where Rev. L. G. Stairs is the pastor, there were 17 conversions. In the People's Church of Fredericton, New Brunswick, where there are only 11 members who meet in a

home, there were 21 conversions, and 5 rededications. Rev. Norwood Brown is pastor of this good work.

EVANGELIST PHIL SHULER, 1395 Michillinda, Pasadena 8, California, receives a fine word of commendation from Rev. Lowell O. Ryan, pastor of the South Bluff Methodist Church, Corpus Christi, Texas, where he conducted a revival campaign. The pastor says: "... This two-week revival, which closed Sunday, July 5, was a real blessing to this church of over 1,400 members. ... Almost 100 persons were converted with 40 uniting with the church. ... Phil Shuler is a dynamic young evangelist. He is forceful in his preaching and winsome in his appeal for people to accept Christ as their Saviour and Lord. I heartily recommend Evangelist Phil Shuler to any church which desires a real spiritual revival. ... "Concerning the revival, the evangelist says: "... God really poured out his Spirit there, and we had not just a good meeting, but real revival. We did not have one barren altar call. ... "

EVANGELIST JOSEPH T. LARSON, 4571 Stuart Street, Denver 12, Colorado, reports two meetings in Western Canada. At the Baptist Church, Strathclair, Manitoba, June 21 to July 2nd, 35 came for salvation or full assurance of salvation. 10 of these converts came for membership and baptism. The second campaign was held from July 5-12 in a country church near



Portion of a crowd at Nacogdoches, Texas, with Eddie Martin as the evangelist. See full report in column, "With the Evangelists."

Birch Hills, Saskatchewan. About 13 came to Christ. Three came for baptism. Two very notable conversions were those of two young ladies, which had been difficult cases.

EVANGELIST FREDDIE GAGE, Decatur, Texas, and song leader Jimmy Snellen send news of a one-week revival campaign held in the First Baptist Church, Katy, Texas. During the week of meetings, 37 accepted Christ as Saviour. They also reported many other Christian decisions.

DR. HARRY MCCORMICK LINTZ of 1111 West Sunset Drive, Redlands, California, has had four union campaigns this year, besides crusades in five single churches. The union campaigns were as follows:

In Lima, Ohio, in January, twenty-two churches cooperating, hundreds saved.

Turlock, California, in the Fair-ground Tabernacle, with sixteen churches cooperating.

Van Wert, Ohio, led by the

the sinner, is easier to reach.

III. Here's another man who declares, "I'm waiting until I have the right sort of feeling before I start."

But, my friend, feeling has nothing to do with becoming a Christian. You have sinned against God and you need His pardon. "Yes," you say, "I realize that." Well, then, suppose you found yourself in a penitentiary for some crime against the state, and the governor presents you with a pardon. Would you have to have any feeling in the matter before the pardon was of any value to you? Certainly not! The pardon is yours, and you are a forgiven man and a free man, if you will take it. It is exactly so with the grace and the pardon of God, offered to you through Jesus Christ.

Again, you are under obligation to God. "Yes," you say, "I realize that." Well, isn't a man expected to meet his obligation, or at least to try, whether he feels like it or not? You do at least with the store-keeper, if you are an honest man. Then don't you think you ought to deal just as fairly with God?

"Why," said a man to me one

"Fishers of Men" evangelistic committee; first citywide campaign in forty years.

At present campaign in Flint, Michigan, with some twenty cooperating churches.

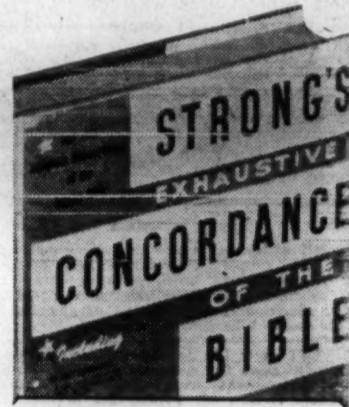
God blessed in Bible Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona, with nearly one hundred additions to the church; First Baptist Church, Bellflower, California, with "over 120 decisions for Christ and the church"; First Baptist Church of Yucaipa, California, with forty-seven new members in eight days; an Easter campaign at the large Third Baptist Church of Owensboro, Kentucky, Dr. H. B. Kuhnle, pastor; and First Baptist Church, Huntington Park, California.

We are glad to hear from this good man, greatly blessed of God in revivals. Dr. Harry McCormick Lintz is sound in the faith, sensible, and trustworthy in methods and fervent in spirit.

EVANGELIST O. W. PORTER and song leader Tom Dentel of Port Huron, Michigan, assisted by Elbert Hutto of Blackville, South

Carolina, recently conducted a revival campaign sponsored by the Young People's Fellowship Club of Blackville-Hilda-Norway, South Carolina. There were 40 conversions, 12 family altars begun, 12 who promised to begin tithing and 16 rededications, reported.

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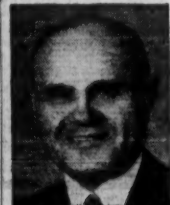
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Why Some People Are Lost

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know. The most probable explanation is that Pharaoh thought that possibly after all this seeming miracle of frogs was only some natural phenomenon, and if he waited awhile some favorable wind would come along and sweep them out of the land; then he wouldn't have to obey the voice of this Hebrew God and lose his slaves. So he said, "Tomorrow."

Procrastination has been called "the thief of time," but it's more than that. It robs Heaven of its fairest jewels and makes Hell the high capitol of lost immortal souls. Go to the confines of the lost world and talk with those who are there, smitten with remorse and bitten by the fanged hounds of conscience. Ask them why they are there. Say to them, "Did you not know there was a Hell to shun and a Heaven to gain? Did you not know there was a God to pardon and a Christ to save?" They will say, "Oh, yes, we knew it all too well—we heard it over and over again—but we put it off; we waited until tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow, and we missed it at last."

The Spanish for "tomorrow" is "manana," and the Spaniard has it always on his lips. In the affairs of this world many of us are like him and some of us are unlike him; but when it comes to the affairs that make for eternal life men are all pretty much alike in their tendency to procrastinate, to put off until tomorrow the one thing above all others they know they ought to do. Now why is this?

I. One man says, "I'm not good enough; my life is too wicked; I'm going to wait until I am better."

But, my friend, sin is a disease of the soul, and there is no such thing as getting better apart from the remedy which God has provided for it. It is like having the smallpox and determining you will not call for the doctor until you find yourself getting better. Yes, a thousand times better say that because it is possible to convalesce from a bodily disease without the help of a physician; but when sin has touched the soul there is just one great Physician who has the remedy, and apart from Him there is no hope. Jesus never called any man to Himself because he was good. He said, "I am not come to call the righteous,

but sinners to repentance."

I have read of an artist who found perhaps the most miserable man of the streets, and offered him a sovereign if he would go to his studio for a sitting at two o'clock the next day. Thinking to commend himself a bit, the man cleaned himself up as best he could, and promptly at the moment appeared. When the artist saw him he said, "O man, you've spoiled it all; I wanted you just as you were!"

Friend, God wants you just that way, and if you will say right now, "Just as I am, and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot; To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!" He'll receive you; He'll forgive you. He'll make you strong in the coming years. He'll stand for you in the judgment. Tell Him now that you are coming—just as you are.

II. Another man says, "I'm good enough; I pay my honest debts; I'm a respectable citizen; I'm a moral man in every sense of the word; and God isn't going to be hard on a man like that."

Now, I am not going to find any fault with your morality. It's a lot better to be moral than to be immoral. Your morality will make you a better man, a better woman, a better citizen. Outside the religion of Christ it is the best thing you can have in this world, but it won't carry you through.

I am going to say something now that will startle you. It is this: you might be the most moral man or woman in your city, yet be farther away from the kingdom of God than the meanest profligate that pollutes your city with his presence. Now don't get excited and claim that I said that a moral man or woman is worse than a profligate. That is not what I said. I am not putting a premium on immorality, but Jesus said to the Pharisees, who were the most moral men of His day, that the harlots would go into the kingdom of Heaven before they would. I know why He said it, and you know also, so we will not stop to argue the matter except to say that the hardest man in the world to reach for Christ is the man who is always boasting of and banking on his morality to win for him the favor of God. The harlot,

Conservative Baptists Gather at Portland, Oregon; 4800 Hear Charles E. Fuller

When Conservative Baptists gathered at Portland, Oregon, June 22 to 28, for their annual meetings, official registrations totalling 1279 were more than double that of any previous year.

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by all conservative Baptist organizations.

The Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, now celebrating its 10th anniversary, appointed its 301st foreign missionary and reported contributions last year of more than 1 1/4 million dollars. A documentary filmstrip tracing the history of the society and titled "Ten Miracle Years" was shown for the first time at the Portland meetings. The filmstrip will be ready for release to churches on September 1.

In the Conservative Baptist As-

sociation (a fellowship of churches), 124 new churches were admitted to membership in the national organization. Churches in the national and state CBA's now number 739.

The four-year old Home mission society, which has work on the North American continent, reported an increase in contributions of 42.6 per cent over the previous year.

The annual meetings of Conservative Baptists will be held next year in Detroit, Michigan, from May 19 to 26.

Why Some People Are Lost

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of the tiniest little flower that comes creeping up through the earth, and until you can understand that marvel of nature, you ought to be very humble when talking about the things of God.

V. "Well," says another man, "I am going to wait until I think I can live up to it." Then you will have to wait a long time. No one ever has lived up to it but Christ Himself. You may not become the best Christian that ever lived in this world, but if you would give yourself to Christ and let Him help you, you would doubtless be a thousand times better Christian than now you think you would be.

The fine thing about it is this, that if you will give yourself to Christ and do the best you can for Him while you live, God will make up for all you lack when you come to die, and you can stand in His presence clothed in the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ. The way is so plain, so easy, and so fair.

VI. But still another man says, "I'm afraid I can't hold out, that I will fall and utterly fail."

But, O my friend, you must understand God a little better. Do you remember—no, you don't remember, but mother does—when you were learning to walk? She sat on one side of the room and said, "Come" and you started, but got only half way across the floor and down you went. Now, what did your mother do? Did she become angry and say, "You are no longer a child of mine; you started to walk and fell down, and there is no longer any place for you in this family." No, she ran and picked you up, and kissed away the hurt, and helped you on your way. Listen! the God I know is better than the best mother that ever lived.

Friend, get this truth! You can't fail to be a Christian as long as you try. Now don't misunderstand me. You don't try to become a Christian. Young woman, when some young man asked you to become his wife you didn't say, "I'll try to become your wife." You said, "Yes, I will." And now that you have become his wife you are of course trying to be a good wife. It's just like that in giving yourself to God. You don't try to become a Christian, but when you gave yourself to Christ you became a Christian, and now I trust you are trying to be a good one. But God will never let you go and never lose your soul.

I meet a good many people who have forgotten their vows and are back in the world, and when I ask

them what is the matter they tell me they started out all right but that they didn't hold out. Now, just by way of illustration, suppose I should start to walk down the streets of your city and after a while I should slip and fall, and you came along and found me lying there. You would say, "Why, Mr. Biederwolf, what are you doing, lying here on the sidewalk?" Suppose I should say to you, "Well, I started to walk down the streets of your city and I got along first-rate for about nine blocks and a half, but I slipped and fell, and I got discouraged, and I guess I'll give it up and just lie here." What would you think? You would think, no doubt, that I struck my head when I lit.

But that's just the way some people act about their Christian experience. You find them backslidden, wandering from God, and living in sin, and you say, "What's the matter? What's gone wrong?" They answer, "Well, I started in the Christian life and I got along pretty well. I did first-rate for about nine months, or a year, but I slipped and fell, and I got discouraged, and just gave up, and let it go." Now what ought such a one to do under those circumstances? Just exactly what you would expect me to do if I had a fall; get up and go on. And if you fall again, what are you going to do, lie there? No, get up, ask God to forgive you, let Him pour new strength into your soul, and go on, and on, and on, and on, and God will never forsake you. While there is One "who is able to keep you from falling," if you stumble in spite of Him, remember you are still His child, and one day as you stumble through the gate of glory you can fall, a dusty, tired prodigal, on the Father's forgiving bosom and cling there forever.

And now among scores of reasons why you should say "Today," and not "Tomorrow," I want just to give you one. In the words of Scripture, Proverbs 27:1, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." It may bring forth death. The chances are it will not, but who can tell? Two men die every second. Your turn is coming.

But if tomorrow does not bring forth death, there is something it will bring forth: a less favorable condition of heart and soul to settle this matter. In an audience one time of 4000 by a test, I found that 3200 had come to Christ before they were twenty years old; about 400 between twenty and

Noteworthy NEWS Notes

The Most Popular Book

"What is the most popular book in the New York Public Library?" a New York daily newspaper recently asked.

Without hesitation, Ralph A. Beals, director of the Library, answered: "The Bible. Morning, afternoon, and evening, until the main reading room of the central building closes at 10 p.m., there is always a group immersed in various translations and editions from our extensive and notable collection of the Holy Scriptures."

Let Us Not Pray

Members of the Harvard Divinity School Student Association called a special meeting last week and wrangled long and loud. The

subject: whether or not the future divines should begin business meetings with prayer. The decision: no opening prayers, vocal or silent; no rules against them, either. —Time, May 4, 1953

Opposes New Bible

MOBILE, Ala., March 12.—(AP)—The American Baptist Association, a group of independent churches, went on record today as opposing the new revised standard edition of the Bible. A resolution adopted by the association at its annual convention said the version "seems to definitely minimize the truth of the deity and divinity of Jesus." The resolution carried without opposition and without discussion.

Should Christians Join A Local Church?

Dear Mr. and Mrs. K—:

You asked, "Why must I join some denomination . . . ? Doesn't the word church mean the one body of Christ?"

It is certainly true that Christians ought to have fellowship with other born-again and true Christians, whatever the denomination. However, it is right to join a church, a local congregation. Most of the time the word church as used in the Bible refers to a local congregation, like "the churches of Galatia," "the seven churches of Asia," "the church of God at Corinth," etc. I believe there is a clear Bible teaching that every new convert should be baptized, should join himself to a local assembly and should unite with them in getting out the Gospel.

Denominations may be right or may be wrong. Certainly it is not wrong for local churches to associate themselves together for the work of God. However, the Bible does not teach that denominational bishops, secretaries, or headquarters should rule over the churches. That idea was developed by Catholicism and followed by a good many Protestant denominations. But it is a mistake to suppose that one will be a better Christian for not joining a church. Christians need a local church home where converts can be baptized, where Christians can take the Lord's Supper together, where the Word of God is preached, where a member can have the supervision and instruction of a godly pastor. Christians are commanded not to forsake the assembling of themselves together in local groups.

However, while the word church in the Bible usually means a local congregation, it certainly sometimes refers to all the saved who will be caught up to meet Christ when He comes. Hebrews 12:23 speaks of "the general as-

sembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven." Colossians 1:18 says that He, Christ, "is the head of the body, the church." That means all the saved. So we should have fellowship with all born-again Christians who are sound in the faith.

In the Saviour's name, yours,
John R. Rice

Does Christ Live Here?

Bishop Charles L. Slattery tells the following story he heard in a little church in France.

A new pastor had come to the village, and called at a certain cottage. When the husband came home from his work the wife said, "The new pastor called today."

"What did he say?" asked the man.

"Oh," she answered, "he asked, 'Does Christ live here?' and I didn't know what to say."

The man's face flushed. "Why didn't you tell him that we were respectable people?" he said.

"Well," she answered, "I might have said that; only that isn't what he asked me."

"Then why," continued the husband, "didn't you tell that we say our prayers and read our Bible?"

The wife replied, "But he didn't ask me that."

The man grew more vexed. "Why," he continued, "didn't you say that we were always at church?"

The poor woman broke down. "He didn't ask that either; he asked only, 'Does Christ live here?'"

This man and woman pondered for many days what the grave pastor meant by his question. Little by little their lives were changed; little by little they grew to expect Christ, not dead, but gloriously alive. And some way, they knew not how, through great love and through a willingness to be surprised by the mystery of His radiance, they knew Him. He did indeed live there!

—The Pilot

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If you think we will be justified in having more printed, please write me air mail at once and I will try to get you more money. But in this matter I must trust your judgment; so please tell me exactly what you think is wise and what you advise. The Lord's money must be used to the best advantage, but I want to help you and Youth for Christ leaders take advantage of a great opportunity as far as I can.

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In the Saviour's name, and in prayer, yours,
John R. Rice

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All About The Bible

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To these we owe a debt of gratitude which can never be adequately repaid, and concerning whose work no words of praise can be too high.

The other kind of critic is the man who, being unable to reconcile certain parts of Scripture with his own idea of what inspired writings ought to be, even when no question is raised as to the accuracy of existing documents, would, nevertheless, have us strike out such passages as uninspired, leaving us with nothing but a fragmentary Bible, which might be suitably entitled, "The Book of God revised and improved by man."

Incredible as it may seem, there lies before me as I write a specimen page of what is called "The Polychrome or Many-colored Bible," indicating, by the various tints with which it is colored, what the critics have decided was inspired and reliable and what was not, converting our Holy Bible into nothing better than a piece of patched-up forgery.

The work of these men is wholly destructive; they never show us any new beauty in the Scriptures, nor help us to grasp more firmly any of its truths.

These are the critics to whom we refer in some of the following pages, and whose writings we unhesitatingly condemn.

2. The Bible Is a Lamp or Light (Ps. 119:105 and 130; Prov. 6:23, etc.)

There is probably no fact more evident to the child of God, and certainly nothing more clearly taught in Scripture, than that of the darkness of the natural mind and heart. It is under "the power of darkness" (Col. 1:13). It is controlled by "the rulers of the darkness of this world" (Eph. 6:12). Its works are "works of darkness" (Eph. 5:11). It cannot see "because that darkness hath blinded his eyes" (I John 2:11); and unless enlightened, it will, like Judas, go to its own place, "the blackness of darkness for ever" (Jude 13), to spend eternity with him whose "kingdom is full of darkness" (Rev. 16:10).

This darkness of the natural heart is likened to the chaos that existed on the earth before light, life, and order were established (II Cor. 4:6); and because of it "the things of God knoweth no man" (I Cor. 2:11). This darkness, moreover, is so gross that no

A CORRECTION

Inadvertently the editor seems to have cast reflection on a good group of Bible-believing Christians and he is glad to explain and correct, as the following letter will show.

July 24, 1953

Rev. S. Roger Birdsall
710 E. Bennock St.
Boise, Idaho

Dear Brother Birdsall:

Thank you for your kindly letter. I assure you that when I apologize for "the great number of socialists in Baptist, Methodist, United Brethren, and other churches," I did not refer particularly to the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, with headquarters in Huntington, Indiana. I do not have any evidence concerning socialism in your group. I did have in mind the former body, well known, the United Brethren, which affiliated with the Evangelical Church, now called Evangelical United Brethren. I am sorry not to have been more specific. I knew, as you reminded me, that "one of their bishops was one of the last presidents of the formerly-called Federal Council." I knew of the fight within the denomination over modernism and socialism. I am glad to print this explanation in THE SWORD, and I thank God for your group which refuses to go into the Evangelical United Brethren merger for conscience sake.

In the Saviour's name, yours,
John R. Rice

light of earth can dispel it. But God has provided an unending light, and that light is His Word. Like the star in the East, it can enlighten those who seem to be furthest away, and will lead any honest seeker to Christ; like the seven-branched candlestick in the Tabernacle of Moses, it shines with a perfect light upon divine things; and like the fiery pillar, it lights up the whole pathway of the child of God throughout his wilderness journey.

Sooner or later every earthly light, upon which men are so prone to rely, must fail (I Pet. 1:24), while this lamp will shine more and more unto the perfect day.

This is the "... sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place..." (II Pet. 1:19).

Oh, if men did but realize this, they would more readily turn to the Bible, and hear a voice saying, "Let there be light," and in grateful response would look up to the Source of all light and say, "The entrance of Thy words giveth light."

3. The Bible Is a Mirror (II Cor. 3:18; Jas. 1:25)

This can be said of no other book. Like a mirror it shows me myself, not as I think I am, but as I really am, "guilty before God" (Rom. 3:19). And this is why the natural heart of man shrinks from looking into it, and even the backslider fears to face it. Yet, to see one's self as revealed in this mirror, is the first step in the true way that leads to God. I may be proud, self-righteous, and far from God in every way, and yet not know it. But when I turn to the Bible I see myself depicted in its mirror-like pages as God sees me, and cry, "O, wretched man that I am!"

A missionary in China once read to a large audience Romans 1. When he had finished a Chinaman came and said he thought it very wrong and unfair for this foreign devil (as missionaries were



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A stranger, passing some mines in Pennsylvania, asked a little boy why the field was so full of mules.

"These mules are worked in the mines during the week," he replied, "and brought into the light on Sunday to keep them from going blind."

The application is apparent. Do not allow yourself to go spiritually blind. Attend church on Sunday and let the light of God's Word shine into your heart.

—Minneapolis Messenger

"THE SABBATH IS THE GOLDEN CLASP THAT BINDS TOGETHER THE VOLUME OF THE WEEK."

—Anonymous

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Nearly a century ago a young girl on the Hudson fell into an evil life; and the country records show the history of her descendants. They were nine hundred in number. Of these two hundred are on the county records as criminals; nine of her own children served an aggregate term in State prisons of fifty years; and a considerable proportion of her descendants were idiots, lunatics, prostitutes, drunkards, and paupers. History records a corresponding fact. Jonathan Edwards was a man whom the Word of God had changed from sin to holiness. A record of his descendants is known. Out of fourteen hundred of these, eight have been presidents of American universities; one hundred have been professors; one hundred have been ministers of the Gospel; sixty have been eminent doctors; thirty, judges; twenty-five officers in the Army and Navy; and others mayors, senators, governors, and ambassadors. "I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments" (Exod. 20:5, 6).

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called) to come and find out all their secret sins, then write them down in a book, and read them out in public in that way!

Yes, the Bible is a mirror—"mine to teach me what I am."

4. The Bible Is Laver (Eph. 5:26)

Thank God the very Book that shows me myself and my sins is the Book which provides the remedy, and tells how every stain that has been revealed may be cleansed "with the washing of water by the Word."

Of old the laver stood between the Tabernacle and the worshipper, providing a means of cleansing from that defilement which would otherwise render the worshipper unfit for God's presence. So a cleansing stream—albeit seen only by the eye of faith—flows through this Book, from the promise of the woman's seed (Gen. 3:15) to the triumphant song of the redeemed in glory, "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev. 1:5).

As there is no other book that can reveal to me my inner self, so there is no other that can tell how those inward parts—all defiled—may be cleansed. But this is what the Bible does.

As water cleanses by separating from the body those outward stains which defiled it, so the Word of God, applied by the Holy Spirit to the heart, has a cleansing effect, by teaching that heart to abhor and shrink from every form of sin, which would otherwise stain and defile the inner life. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Ps. 119:11). "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you" (John 15:3).

5. The Bible Is Food (Job 23:12)

The moment an awakened soul cries, "I perish with hunger," he may find in the Bible food convenient for him. Oh, that the perishing multitudes did but know this! Those who do know it can, or at least ought to, say, "I have

esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food."

Now this food is of very varied kinds. Observe:—

(a) Milk for babes (I Cor. 3:2; Heb. 5:12, 13).

Oh, how blessed it is to know that there are parts of the Bible so simple that, like milk, they are suitable for little children; and yet a minister of the gospel in the north-west of London quite recently told some children he was addressing, that the Bible was too difficult for them, and recommended them to learn some other book instead!

(b) Bread for the hungry (Deut. 8:3 and Isa. 55:10).

"Man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live." This bread, like the wine and milk, may be had without money and without price.

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our circulation to 200,000 paid subscriptions by September 28, 1954, our twentieth anniversary. A little more than thirteen months intervene before that date. To reach that goal is so difficult that it is practically impossible by human standards. But with God all things are possible. God answers the work of faith and the prayer of faith, when there is an absolute abandon to His will, a holy dedication of all the resources at hand, and unflagging work.

We know that the help must come from God. But at the same time, we know that God uses people and God will not increase the circulation of THE SWORD OF THE LORD to the enormous figure of 200,000 paid subscriptions in thirteen months without using Christian people to do the job.

However, after much meditation, we have a plan which I know will work, if we can get 2,690 people who will lay themselves on the altar for God to help us bring it to pass. This is the plan.

If 800 people get 25 subscriptions each, in thirteen months that will be 20,000 subscriptions.

If 800 additional people get 50 subscriptions each, that will be 40,000 more subscriptions.

If 1,000 people get 100 subscriptions each, that will make another 100,000 subscriptions.

If 50 people get 200 subscriptions each, that will be 10,000 subscriptions.

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If 20 people get 1,000 subscriptions each, that will be 20,000 subscriptions.

Thus 2,690 people can send in 200,000 subscriptions in thirteen months, if they will.

I know that some who set out to do this work may die, or lose their health. A few others may fall short of their goals. Others will have to take their place, sending what subscriptions they can. But all of us together, by God's help, can raise 200,000 paid subscriptions for THE SWORD OF THE LORD in the next thirteen months, if we will.

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"Wherefore [then] do ye spend money for that which is *not* bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." —Isa. 55:2.

(c) *Strong meat for men* (I Cor. 3:2 and Heb. 5:12-14).

It is in reference to this strong meat of the Word that John wrote, "... I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you..." (I John 2:14).

It should never be forgotten that the Bible is no mere milk-and-water Book, for while there are parts of it which are so simple that a little child may understand them (II Tim. 3:15), there are, nevertheless, depths so profound that, although they have engaged the attention of the mightiest intellects of all ages, they have never yet been fathomed.

(d) *Honey* (Ps. 19:10).

God furnishes a rich table in His Word—not merely plain fare for our necessary food, without which we must perish, but sweets also—luxuries! There are such delights to be found in the Bible that cause those who find them to cry out, "How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth" (Ps. 119:103).

6. Fine Gold to Enrich (Ps. 19:10)

God's children are often called upon to part with much of that which the world values very highly, and as a rule they are certainly not rich. But God will never be debtor to any man, and so He has provided in His Word such real and lasting wealth that all the riches of this world are in comparison as nothing. Even as David said, "The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver" (Ps. 119:72). To the Christians at Smyrna, who loved and kept His Word, the Lord said, "I know thy... poverty, (but thou art rich)" (Rev. 2:9).

Now, up to this point it will be observed that the symbols so far dealt with indicate what the Bible may, and indeed ought to, be to every man for his own personal use and benefit. While those that follow suggest, not only what the Bible is *to us*, but what, by earnest and prayerful study and diligent use, it may be *through us*, to others.

God's promise to Abraham was twofold: first, "I will bless thee"; and then, "Thou shalt be a blessing" to others (Gen. 12:2). And this is the rule throughout the Bible. We are enjoined, first, to "receive with meekness the engrafted word" (Jas. 1:21) and to *hold it fast* (Titus 1:9) for ourselves. Then we are to *rightly divide* the Word of Truth (II Tim. 2:15) and to *hold it forth* as the Word of Life (Phil. 2:16) to others. Thus may we ponder the remaining symbols.

7 God's Word Is a Fire (Jer. 20:9 and 23:29)

This Book, which shows us our sins, then cleanses us, lights up our pathway, feeds and enriches us, now becomes a fire within; so that we cannot keep the good things to ourselves. "The fire burned; then spake I with my tongue" (Ps. 39:3).

Oh, for burning Christians! Cold words, however logical and refined, will never reach human hearts. But with the fire within, and upon our lips (Isa. 6:7), we become fit messengers of God to a dying world.

8. God's Word a Hammer (Jer. 23:29)

Some hearts are very hard, and need all the spiritual strength of the true workman, if he is to wield this hammer successfully. The work at times may seem to be slow, and the results uncertain; but let us not be discouraged, it is the steady, regular blows that tell in the end. A Christian was once reasoning with an infidel; the latter continually protested that, as he did not believe in the Bible, it was quite waste of time to quote passages of Scripture to

him, etc.; the Christian however, continued to wield this hammer by quoting texts, until at length the hammer did its work, and the infidel's heart was broken.

"Is not my word... like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?"

9. The Bible a Sword (Eph. 6:17)

Some natures are very cunning, avoiding every blow of the workman's hammer. To such the Word is needed as a sharp sword in the hand of a skilful soldier. Such skill, however, can only be acquired by patient and prayerful study; and much of our usefulness as witnesses for Christ will depend upon the way in which we wield this Sword of the Spirit (II Tim. 2:15). With what reverent awe should we discharge our commission as soldiers of Jesus Christ, as we remember that, when rightly used, this sword pierces the conscience and leads to an awakening (Heb. 4:12). It pricks the heart (Acts 2:37) and leads to conversion (Acts 2:41). It cuts the heart (Acts 7:54) and sometimes leads to increased bitterness (Acts 7:51 and 57); and finally it will smite, with an eternal stroke, those who continue to rebel against its divine authority (Rev. 19:15).

10. The Bible Is Seed (Luke 8:11; Isa. 55:10)

"Being born again... of incorruptible (seed), by the word of God..." (I Pet. 1:23), it should be said of us, as we go forth to our ordinary avocations day by day, "Behold, a sower went [goes] forth to sow" (Matt. 13:3). And although we may often be discouraged as the seed seems to fall on uncongenial soil, and at times we may be tempted in our folly to select our own time for the sowing, nevertheless, we should remember it is written:—

(1) That we should sow in all places.

"Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters" (Isa. 32:20).

(2) That we should sow at all times.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good" (Eccles. 11:6).

(3) That the ground should be duly prepared by the warmth of our love and the tears of our compassion, when fruit will be assured.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Ps. 126:6).

11. Bible Like the Sun (Ps. 19:1-6)

Here we get in symbol:—

(1) The silent but unanswerable testimony of the Scriptures to God.

(2) This Book like a strong man running to every part of the habitable globe, being destined to cover the earth with the knowledge of God (Isa. 11:9; Hab. 2:14), reaching even to its darkest places, for "... He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good..." (Matt. 5:45). Oh, happy missionaries who, having left home and loved ones, are taking part in this blessed work!

(3) Its warm, life-giving rays, melting hard hearts with the story of the Cross, or burning the unrepentant sinner with unquenchable fire; for it shall yet be seen that "... there is nothing hid from the heat thereof" (Ps. 19:6).

12. Scripture Like the Rain and Snow (Isa. 55:10, 11)

Here are wonderful symbols for the Bible, rising like vapor from the mighty ocean of God's eternal love; wafted by the breath of His Spirit over this world of ours; regarded by men as a dark cloud which only seems to mar their enjoyment; yet falling on barren hearts at all seasons with enriching showers from the bounteous hand of Him who "sendeth rain on the just and the unjust" (Matt. 5:45). How beautiful also to remember that the *sun* and *rain* together make the *rainbow* of God's covenant promise.

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How cold and barren must be the heart that excludes the Book with such blessed influences!

13. Bible, Like Christ, Is The Word of God.

There is yet one other symbol, which we mention with profound reverence. We read of One in the apocalyptic vision—One to whom all others bend the knee—"and His name is called *The Word of God*" (Rev. 19:13); and seeing that God has Himself associated the Living Word with the Written Word I call attention to this wonderful fact, thus:—

BOTH ARE THE EXPRESSIONS OF THE MIND OF GOD.

Christ—"The brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person" (Heb. 1:3).
Bible—"I have written... the great things of my law" (Hosea 8:12).

BOTH HAVE ETERNAL EXISTENCE.

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Heb. 8:8).

"The word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (I Pet. 1:23).

BOTH CAME AS GOD'S MESSENGERS TO BLESS A LOST WORLD.

Christ—"God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you" (Acts 3:26).

Bible—"Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it" (Luke 11:28).

BOTH PARTAKE OF THE HUMAN AND THE DIVINE.

Christ—"God was manifest in the flesh" (I Tim. 3:16).

Bible—"Holy men... spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Pet. 1:21).

BOTH ARE FAULTLESS.

Christ—"In him is no sin" (I John 3:5).

Bible—"Every word of God is pure" (Prov. 30:5).

BOTH ARE SOURCES OF LIFE.

Christ—"I am... the life" (John 14:6).

Bible—"The word of God is quick (living) and powerful" (Heb. 4:12).

BOTH ARE LIGHT.

Christ—"I am the light of the world" (John 8:12).

Bible—"The commandment is a lamp; and the law is light" (Prov. 6:23).

BOTH ARE TRUTH.

Christ—"I am... the truth" (John 14:6).

Bible—"Thy word is truth" (John 17:17).

BOTH ARE FOOD FOR THE SOUL.

Christ—"I am the bread of life" (John 6:35).

Bible—"Man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live" (Deut. 8:3).

BOTH MUST BE RECEIVED IN ORDER TO SALVATION.

Christ—"As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12).

Bible—"Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21).

THE REJECTION OF EITHER ENTAILS IRREPARABLE LOSS.

Christ—"If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24).

Bible—"If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead" (Luke 16:31).

YET BOTH ARE DESPISED AND REJECTED BY THE NATURAL MAN (I Cor. 2:14).

Christ—"He is despised and rejected of men" (Isa. 53:3).

Bible—"Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye

The Most Important Editorial

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teach it, visit the pupils and build up the class, to teach the Word of God and win someone to Christ! But one might set out to get a hundred subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD within a year's time and not spend nearly so much time as a good Sunday School teacher needs to do. It is not unreasonable to ask a good Christian to teach a Sunday School class and take the time and study necessary and do the visiting necessary to teach it correctly. And so it is not unreasonable to ask a Christian to help in this great work of spreading revival fires, winning souls, bringing people back to faith in the Bible, delivering young Christians from heresies, false cults, and from modernism.

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There are people who would hesitate to spend \$150 in a year's time to send 100 subscriptions that would transform the lives of many, and would keep souls out of Hell; yet they spend that much for lodge dues in a year. Other families spend more than that for vacations, more for other luxuries.

There are thousands of sacrificial Sunday School teachers who spend the time to learn the Sunday School lesson and teach it, who spend the time visiting pupils to build up attendance. God bless them everyone. They are doing a tremendous work. But nearly everyone

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may keep your own tradition" (Mark 7:9).

BOTH WILL JUDGE US AT THE LAST. Christ—"He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained" (Acts 17:31).

Bible—"The dead were judged

out of those things which were written in the books" (Rev. 20:12).

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By Mrs. G. R. MacMullen,
Circulation Mgr.

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Christian Scientists, so-called, spend millions yearly on literature. Jehovah's Witnesses do not think it unreasonable that every individual member should go from house to house seeking to spread their literature. Thousands of them give really sacrificially to get out the teachings which you and I know are false, books by Judge Rutherford and others, the Watchtower magazine, etc. Do you think it unreasonable for born-again Christians to get to be just as concerned to get out soul-saving literature like THE SWORD OF THE LORD?

Yes, I believe this is the most important editorial I ever wrote. If God's people take it to heart, it will result in a greater advance in emphasis for revival and soul winning than any other editorial I have ever written. Thank God for the tremendous wave of interest in revivals. Thank God for the evangelists that God has raised up. But I know that we can spread revival fires all over the English-speaking world and can profoundly color this entire generation for Christ and fundamental Christianity and soul winning, if God's people will help us to spread THE SWORD OF THE LORD and increase the circulation to 200,000 paid subscriptions by our twentieth anniversary, September 28, 1954. Will you be one to take a quota and help us do it?

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Is This The End Time?

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Then when Abel was born, Eve exclaimed, "Vanity," which shows

how misguided the natural mind can be. Finally, the godly line followed through Seth.

In the fifth chapter of Genesis we see every generation being marked with death. Adam lived "and he died." Seth lived "and he died." Enos lived "and he died." Mahalaleel lived "and he died." Jared lived "and he died." Notice that phrase "and he died." "and he died"—over and over again. Yes sir, every single generation was marked with death. There are many today who do not want to face the fact of death; we do not want to admit that there is such a thing; we try to dodge the issue; we want to escape from the reality—BUT, bless your heart, nevertheless, it is so. My Bible says, "The worms shall destroy this body." God says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." He says, "The wages of sin is death." God says, "It is appointed unto men once to die." The Bible declares, "Prepare to meet God." Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." And God tells us today, "As in Adam all die, even

so in Christ shall all be made alive." Yes, sir, every single generation was marked with death until a man by the name of Enoch came on the scene.

II. The Faithful Man—Enoch

The Scripture says, "Enoch walked with God, and was not, for God took him." Incidentally, when I get to Heaven, I want to have some fellowship with that sweet spirited saint of God. God looked down one day and saw Enoch in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation and, as Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. used to say, "God said, 'Enoch, I see the corruption and the violence. You've been faithful to Me so I'm going to take you out of all this mess, to come on up here to Heaven and spend the day with me.' And since I read in the Scripture that there is no night there, Enoch has been there ever since." Sincerely, isn't it wonderful that God could find One man who was faithful to Him when "The earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence." So Enoch was "translated that he should not see death" (Heb. 11:5).

On the other hand, did you ever stop to think when Enoch began "his walk with God?" Genesis 5:22 says, "Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah." Do you wonder why? Well, you see it's like this—every name in the Hebrew had a different meaning. Methuselah meant "it shall be sent." What shall be sent? "The deluge shall be sent," or "the flood is coming." In other words, the very year that Methuselah died God was going to send a flood to destroy the earth. Enoch knew that his son, Methuselah, was a warning to everyone. This is one reason, I believe, why Methuselah was the oldest man who ever lived. No one could ever accuse God of being unjust or impatient. Methuselah lived 969 years. All this time God was being long-suffering and patient to rebellious generations.

And so the father of Methuselah, Enoch, "walked with God after he begat Methuselah"—BECAUSE every time Methuselah would stub his toe or have a degree of fever or have a little ache or pain, Enoch would no doubt say to himself, "Is this the end time?" or, "Is this the time for the destruction of the earth by the flood?" He constantly thought, "Is this the time for God to send His watery judgment?"

If people today believed the Word of God, that judgment is sure to come, I believe more of us would be walking with God. Suppose you thought that today was the last day upon the earth. What would you do? Where would you go? What kind of a life would you live? What sort of a prayer would you really make if you believed sincerely that this was the end time?

In the Bible we find that the Flood did come in the very year that Methuselah died, as God had said it would.

III. The Fearful Man—Noah

Now, for a moment, notice the great-grandson of Enoch. You will realize, of course, that it was nothing out of the ordinary to have great-grandchildren in those days when the life span was so long as it was.

1. Noah's Background

Enoch's great-grandson was named Noah. I can almost get a picture of Noah when he was a little boy. Can't you just see him as he sits at the feet of his long-bearded great-grandfather, Enoch? Perhaps Noah looked up so many times into the face of and upon the countenance of that saintly man and said, "Grand-daddy, tell me some more about God and His righteousness; tell me some more about the first man, Adam, and the sin of the world; tell me some more about the flood that God is going to send." And, bless his heart, that sweet old God-fearing man, preacher Enoch, was used by God to make a divine impact upon the heart of this young man, Noah.

2. Noah's Calling

And God said to Noah, "I want you to be the preacher of righteousness and be my spokesman to warn this corrupt world to turn from wickedness." God told Noah that he was tired of the sin and the sham and He said, "Noah, my spirit shall not always strive with man." And the Word of God says, "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not yet seen, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house." Oh, the thought of the judgment of God struck terror to the heart of Noah. He was moved with fear, being warned of God. He wanted others to be warned and others to know what God had said.

That reminds me of what Paul said, "Knowing therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." And the Bible says, "God is angry with the wicked every day." Somehow I believe that in this modern day of hellishness, we should warn sinners of the "wrath of God." We ought to forget what people say about us or think about us. We should warn them of God's judgment.

3. Noah's Civilization

The greatest catastrophe in the history of the human race was about to take place. Friend of mine, my Bible gives something of the conditions existing in Noah's day. The Bible says, "The earth was corrupt before God and the earth was filled with violence." The Word of God says, "... that every imagination of the thought of man's heart was only evil continually." The Bible tells me that the people were filled with moral corruption and spiritual declension, licentiousness and violence. It was a wicked world. They rebelled against authority. They did whatever was right in their own eyes.

IV. Our Civilization, too, Deserves Judgment

Compare Noah's day with conditions in our time.

1. Crime

There is one manslaughter every 4.6 minutes around the clock in America. One major crime is committed every eleven seconds, both day and night. The Federal Bureau of Investigation adds twenty-one thousand names to its files each year. There are one-hundred thousand unmolested, unapprehended murderers walking our streets daily. The average age of the criminal in America today is age eighteen. One out of every fifteen persons is a criminal. Two-million major crimes are expected this year. There has been an 800% increase in crime in the last six years. We spend five times as much to correct crime as we do education, public and private. It costs every man in America \$125 per year for crime prevention. Our crime bill is over sixteen billion dollars each year. It is no wonder that we pay 30 cents out of every dollar that we spend in taxes.

2. Sex

Fifteen million sex magazines are read monthly by one-third of our entire nation. Think of the "No Virgin Clubs" in high school. One rape is committed every half-hour. One sex crime takes place every five minutes. There are more bar-maids in America than college girls. One-million girls are infected with social diseases. One-hundred thousand girls enter white slavery each year. One-hundred thousand little babies are born illegitimately every year. In other words, one out of every twelve persons born is illegitimate. One out of every three and one-half marriages ends in a divorce. And yet, we say that the home is the basic unit of society. Swapping wives and breaking down barriers with no standards of decency marks our generation exactly like Noah's day when the Word of God says, "They were eating and drinking and marrying and giving in marriage until the flood came and took them away."

3. Liquor

Let's look at the drinking in our country. There are two-million chronic alcoholics in America. Whiskey consumption is up 70% in three years. We spend enough money on liquor annually to send five-million missionaries with their families and all equipment to the foreign field. Thousands are killed annually by drinking. One judge told me that in nine out of every ten automobile accidents, liquor was involved.

4. Religious Life

Think of the spiritual angle and associate it with Noah's day. We in America claim to be a Christian nation and yet on my recent trip to Europe I saw big signs saying, "Americans—go home!" Is it any wonder why they ask us to go home when we pose as a Christian nation and yet 80% of our people never go to church? Sixty-four million people in our country profess no kind of religious belief whatsoever. We have scandals in government, scandals in churches, scandals in schools, scandals in our homes.

5. Subversion

Communism has taken over half the world in the last five years. Ladies and gentlemen, I think that we can all see a great comparison in modern twentieth century with Noah's day.

The Bible says there were "giants in the earth in those days." I'm not dogmatic about this and perhaps some of the commentaries would disagree, but I wonder if they were physical giants. The last phrase in Genesis 6:4 says, "men of renown." What does that mean? It means famous men, popular men—"men of renown."

A few weeks ago I went home from an evangelistic campaign. I noticed my little boy with a toy pistol on each hip. He was interested in practically nothing but cowboys and a "shoot-up-up Tony" affair. I said, "Jimmie, where are you getting all this stuff?" He told me about all of his little neighbors and the comic magazines. It seemed to be the general school talk. So, I said, "Son, I want to talk to you for a moment and I want to tell you the truth. You see, your daddy has been to Hollywood and I've seen various sets in the movie

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Dr. Bob Jones Says:

Any ordinary, simple minded Christian who is familiar with the Revised Standard translation of the Bible and who is familiar with certain passages of Scripture and who is really at heart loyal to the Lord Jesus Christ cannot possibly be for this translation. From a Christian standpoint, we are facing in this day and time two very great evil tendencies. One is to "play down" Jesus Christ. The other is to "play up" other things so Jesus Christ is hidden. The Revised Standard translation of the Bible "plays down" Jesus Christ. In Isaiah where the word "young woman" is used, the translators put the word "virgin" in the margin, which means it could be read "virgin" as it is in the King James version. Now, if it could be "virgin," any real friend of Jesus Christ would have said "virgin." In the New Testament the details are so specific, the translators had to use the word "virgin," but these translators, wherever they had an opportunity, hit the Lord Jesus Christ "below the belt."

The writer does not claim to be a great scholar, but it isn't necessary to be a great scholar to understand this kind of proposition. No Bible teacher in Bob Jones University is for this translation, and we would not have a teacher in Bob Jones University that defended this translation. Bob Jones University is standing without apology for the "old-time religion" and the absolute authority of the Bible. We are not going to sur-

render. If this institution cannot find a solid orthodox Christian who believes in the "old-time religion" to teach a certain subject, we will not teach that subject until we find a real Christian. The next ten years are going to be the testing time in this country for Christian schools, Christian churches, and Christian individuals. The next school year at Bob Jones University is going to be a year of morale building. We are going to concentrate on building backbone and Christian character in these young people and inoculate them against the subtle temptations that young people are facing in this day. We are asking Christian people everywhere to pray for us as never before. We have the largest number of reservations we have ever had at this time of the year at the time this statement is being dictated. We have a number of students that are going to have to have some financial assistance in order to attend Bob Jones University next year. If you have some of God's money you would like to invest in a good cause, send it to the Student Loan Endowment and Missionary Fund of Bob Jones University. It will be used carefully and prayerfully so as to do the most good possible to the most people possible. But above everything else, please pray for us. Thank you and God bless you.

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studios and everything there is sham. It is all unreal. Those men that you are talking about are just actors." I continued to tell my young son that about almost all of those cowboys in Hollywood could brand a hamburger, and about all they could round-up is a malted milk. My eight-year-old son and all his little friends had been talking about "Hopalong Cassidy." I explained to him that Bill Boyd was almost "washed up" as a movie actor until some high-powered publicity man changed his name to Hopalong Cassidy. His fame mushroomed overnight and recently he was proposing to sell out for over eight-million dollars. My little boy was amazed but was glad to know the truth.

When I think of the American public paying movie stars and ball players, some of which have never been through grade school—paying them fabulous amounts into the hundreds of thousands of dollars a year and making little gods out of these men, almost worshipping them, I'm wondering if this is not somewhat the same picture in Noah's day when it referred to those "giants in the earth—men of renown."

At any rate, "The sons of God came in to the daughters of men and bear children to them." When Christian men become unequally yoked together with an unconverted woman, you can expect nothing but violence and corruption and spiritual declension. God's laws never have been or never will be broken in any civilization or any generation.

V. Noah's Sermon

For about 120 years Noah was patient and faithfully prepared the ark. He was warned and he wanted others to know. His pulpit was the dock yard. His voice was the ring of the hammer. The scoffers began to mock and sneer and laugh. They said, "Mr. Noah, why don't you admit that you are mistaken? Why don't you be honest and tell us that you just dreamed this? Go on and admit that you're wrong." Noah kept preaching and kept praying. He believed God—believed that God meant what He said. He became the preacher of righteousness before a wicked world. He told them that the skies would not always be blue. He told them that there was a day coming when the waves would be like race horses and that they better prepare for danger.

Then I can imagine a young fellow, a member of the local high school football team, sees Noah. (I don't know what athletic events they had in that day), but let's suppose this young high school football player passed by one day and saw Noah over behind the place where they were building the ark, kneeling back of an old stump, praying to God. This young fellow noticed that Noah was so sincere, and he thought to himself, "I believe this man is sincere about this. Something tells me he's right and all of us are wrong. Maybe I better go and tell him I'll believe what he is preaching." But then he thought to himself, "And what would others think? Well, I'll just take my chances along with the rest of them." He is so close to a decision but decides to say "no." Therefore, he's just as far away as if he had never heard about God or even considered Him. What a pity!

VI. Noah's Ark

Noah was the builder, but God was the architect of the ark. Sometime ago I was holding a campaign in San Diego, California. A great big husky man came up to me introducing himself as the "Wharfinger" of San Diego. He was the man who was responsible for all ships and boats coming into that great seaport. He was a marvelous Christian. He asked me, "Mr. Wilson, do you know that the proportionate dimensions of all ocean-going vessels today are identical with Noah's ark?" He went on to tell me that regardless of the size of boats and ships which plow the seas, man still has to use the proportionate dimensions that God gave Noah in building the ark.

Yes, God was the architect. He told Noah what materials to use, how many compartments to make,

how long, how wide, how deep, and then he gave Noah the expiration date. In order to carry out this tremendous task Noah was to need some help—plenty of it. Perhaps he had to hire hundreds of carpenters. I have an idea that many of those who worked on the ark said to themselves and to each other, "Can you imagine a man being so crazy as to believe that God would destroy the world with a flood? But, we'll take the old fool's money as long as he's got the money to pay for it."

Yes, today as in Noah's day some people will do anything for a dollar. I think of the parallel today: carpenters, brick masons, architects and the like are working on some local churches just for a dollar, having no fear of God and refusing to accept God's Son. These men were working on the ark.

Get the picture. These men were helping Noah work on the only thing that could deliver them to safety, from a watery grave. Today people join with the local churches, work on the local churches, follow much of its program but fail to respond to the only thing that will ever save them—faith in Jesus Christ.

VII. The Final Man—Christ

God then said to Noah, "Come thou into the ark." Why do you suppose God said that? He said it for the same reason that after the waters had receded, God said, "Go thou." You see, God was the first One in the ark and the last One to leave the ark. You never need be afraid when God is with you. You may be facing death, but you have no fear if you are in Christ and He is in you.

Notice this, too—The Word of God says, "... and the Lord shut him in." Yes sir, the Lord God Himself "shut the door." Sinner friend of mine, when God shuts the door, no man can open that door. In other words, God told Noah to come into the ark—all his family, the fowls, the birds, the beasts and the animals all came in. Then God sent a mighty wind and shut the door. **GOD HIMSELF HAD SHUT THE DOOR!** Noah did not shut it. And, oh, when you come to the end of this earthly life and still, you are out of Christ and His ark of safety, no preacher or priest, no saint or friend, no church nor group can help you then. You, my friend, had better enter into the ark of Christ before God shuts the door of Hope.

Now, Noah was in the ark. Yes, one whole week before the flood came Noah and his little family went into the ark. The whole then-known world laughed at the old preacher of righteousness who was, as they probably said, "all cooped up." The psychologists, philosophers, and the theologians as well, all *mocked and sneered and laughed* at Noah. They hurled insults at him. Perhaps one of them ironically asked, "Mr. Noah, do you feel the boat rocking yet?" Maybe another cynically remarked, "Are you seasick yet?" Someone else would chime in, "You haven't seen any rain yet, have you?" NO, up until that time, we suppose, it never had rained, "but there went up a mist from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground" (Gen. 2:5, 6).

In this present twentieth century civilization there are people who are laughing and sneering at the Word of God. People are mocking at the message of judgment. Some of our educated high-brows today are making light of righteousness and godliness. BUT, friend of mine, *God always keeps His Word!*

And so now the Bible says, "The windows of heaven were opened and the fountains of the great deep were broken up." And the rain did come. Yes, the heavens became black, the sea forgot her bounds and water began to rise and the old ark began to move. *God had kept His Word.* Then the people began to cry and scream and beg for mercy and plead for forgiveness. But the day of repentance was over. "God is not mocked."

As the water kept on rising, I can visualize the people running for refuge. However, those who

climbed to the loftiest mountains perished just exactly as the people who were caught in the deep valleys. It made no difference! Yes, the people today who feel so secure on the mountain of morality and church membership will one day face the same judgment of God as those who find themselves in the valley of sin and degradation. Just as certain as the waters of judgment covered everyone who was out of the ark in Noah's day, the judgment of fire will consume everyone in the last day who are out of Christ. Everyone in the ark was saved. Everyone out of the ark was lost. *The only way you will ever be spared from the doom of coming judgment is to "come into the ark" of Christ.*

I think I see Mr. Noah look from the window of the ark, and oh, his heart was so heavy! He wanted to do something to help the people but it was *too late*. In my imagination, I can see that same young high school football player who was so near to a decision one day, but who said, "I'll take my chances with the crowd." I can almost see the young fellow hammering and pounding on the ark. Noah probably looked in sympathy upon the young man and thought to himself, "It's awful to see these people drown like rats."

Yes, it was awful and it is awful when we think of the multitudes today who are without Christ. We who believe the Word of God know what their outcome will be. Some day they'll pray but it will be *too late*. Some day they'll cry and beg for forgiveness, but it will be *too late*. Noah had to "come into the ark" and so will

you have to "come into the ark of Christ," my friend.

The Bible says, "Come unto me." Jesus says, "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." God says, "Come now, let us reason together; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." The Word of God says, "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come." The Bible again says, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." You must come to Jesus Christ. "Come into the ark." Noah had to come into the ark; so must you. And my Bible says, "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be."

Now, do you know why I used the subject, "Is This The End Time?" I believe that any real discerning, sane, sensible, Scripture-believing person would say, "Yes, I believe this is the end time for many lost sinners."

Sinner friend, are you prepared? Are you ready?

My Decision for Christ

Reader, you have read the strong message by Evangelist T. W. Wilson. Surely God has spoken to your heart, if you are unconverted, if you have never repented of your sins and trusted Jesus Christ for salvation and a new heart. Surely for you, as for every sinner who is lost and under condemnation, the tragic end draws near. When the Spirit of God leaves, it is the end of opportunity, the end of mercy. If you will confess to Christ that you are a sinner, if you will repent of your sin,

turn away from your sin in your heart, and depend upon Jesus Christ to forgive you and save you, He will do it right now. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..." (Acts 16:31). Jesus promised, "He that believeth on him is not condemned" and, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:18 and 3:36). Will you now turn from sin to the Saviour? Will you now, by taking Christ as your own Saviour, relying upon Him now to change your heart and make you a Christian, forsake all your sins?

Sign this statement, copy it in a letter and mail it to me at once. I will send word to Brother Wilson and will write you a letter of counsel and encouragement. Do it now!

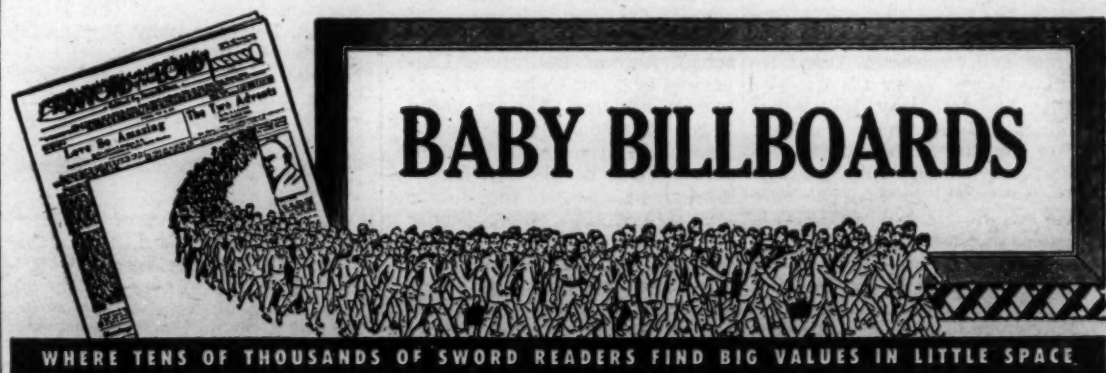
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Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Brother Rice:

I have read Dr. T. W. Wilson's sermon, "Is It The End Time?" I realize that sin brings judgment and the end of opportunity. I know that I am a poor lost sinner who needs forgiveness, who needs mercy, who needs salvation. So here and now, this moment, I turn to Jesus Christ. I trust Him to forgive my sins and save my soul. I claim Him now as my own personal Saviour. I set out now to love Him and to live for Him daily, and to claim Him openly as mine.

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